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Title : Need to exempt Purulia Express and Steel Express Trains from the Superfast category in the South-Eastern Railways and earmark some compartments in Superfast Express Trains for daily/monthly/season ticket holders.

SHRI PRABODH PANDA (MIDNAPORE): Sir, recently, the Railway Administration upgraded a lot of express trains into Superfast category. In the South-Eastern Railways, the Express trains like Purulia Express, Aranyak Express, Rupasi Express, Bangla Express, Steel Express, and Ispat Express have been upgraded. But no extra amenities for the passengers have been provided. Rather, fare of the tickets have got increased. This has caused a great hardship to the passengers, especially the daily passengers. Therefore, it is desirable that at least two trains, Purulia Express and Steel Express should be remained as Express trains and they should be exempted from the Superfast category; and in other Superfast express trains, certain number of compartments should be earmarked for daily/monthly and season ticket holders.

I would, therefore, urge upon the Railway Ministry to reconsider their stand in this context and do justice to the passengers, particularly, the daily passengers.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Shri S.D. Mandlik − Not present

Shri M. Shivanna − Not present